Man-Eating Tigers of Corbett National Park

3419. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of NVIRONMENT AND FORSTSbe pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any information that-man-eating tigers of the Corbett National Park again killed many persons and animals in Garhwal (Uttar Pradesh) in the recent past;

(b) if so, the number of persons and animals killed;

(c) whether compensation has been given to the dependants of the deceased persons;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government for checking such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir. No man-eating or cattle killing incidents occured in the recent past, after May, 1990, in the Corbett National Park.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

(f) All possible precautions are being taken through management practices in the National Park to eliminate man-animal conflict, viz:

(i) Strict control on the movement of people inside the Park.

(ii) Prohibiting entry of livestock inside the Park.

(iii) A package of measures under 'ecodevolopment' is being taken up to minimise man-animal conflicts in the park.

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Passenger Facilities at Kotdwar Station

3420. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received a eight point memorandum/representation from the representatives/local people regarding providing passenger facilities at Kotdwar Railway Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken thereon; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demands made in the representation include introduction of a train, restoration/allotment of reservation quotas, opening of Out agencies and Government Railway Police Post, provision of additional passenger amenities, etc.

(c) and (d). Demands mentioned in the representation have been examined. Adequate reservation quotas, catering facilities, a water cooler and other passenger amenities commensurate with the traffic handled have been provided at Kotdwar station. Introduction of a new train and keeping of Kotdwar-Delhi coaches on platform is not feasible due to operational constraints and lack of traffic justification. In the absence of

suitable contractors, railway Out Agencies could not be opened. Opening of Government Railway Police Post concerns the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Training of Forest Guards/Officers

3421. SHRI BHERULAL MEENA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Forest Guards and Forest Range Officers in the Forest Department of Delhi have been provided any training; and

(b) if not, the details of the scheme for imparting necessary training to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, the matter is reported to be under consideration in consultation with the Directorate of Training, Delhi Administration for making provision and facilities of training to lower level field staff of the Forest Department. For training of Forest Rangers, it is expected that seats will be allotted in the State Forest Rangers Training Colleges in different states.

Asthma Patients

3422. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of Asthma patients in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor;

(c) the approximate number of patients suffering from asthma in each State and Union Territories; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check the speared of the disease in rural and urban areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d). No statistics are specifically maintained regarding the Asthma patients in the country. However, a statement showing cases & deaths due to Bronchitis, chronic & unspecified emphysema and Asthma in various States/Uts. of India during the years 1987, 1988 and 1989 is encloased.

There is no separate scheme for checking spread of this disease.